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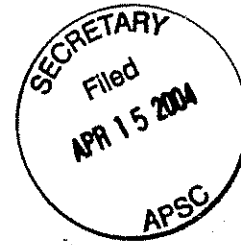
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April 15, 2004

HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Walter L. Thomas, Jr. Secretary
Alabama Public Service Commission
RSA Union Building
100 North Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0991



RE: Petition by Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc.
D/B/A Camellia Communications for designation of Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier Status for the purpose of receiving Federal Universal Service Fund Support.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed herein for filing with the Alabama Public Service Commission are the original and ten copies of a request by Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. D/B/A Camellia Communications to be designated as and Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in Alabama for the purpose of receiving Universal Service Fund support. Also enclosed is a check-off sheet received from the Alabama Public Service Commission Legal Division that we understand is a requirement for such filing.

If additional information is required please call me.

Sincerely,

Herbert W. Powell

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Secretary-Treasurer

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BEFORE THE
ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In RE: Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. D/B/A
Camellia Communications Petition for
designation as an Eligible Telecommunications
Carrier in portions of Lowndes and all of Butler
County, Alabama, for the purpose of receiving
Federal Universal Service Fund Support.

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I. Background

The provisions of 47 U.S.C. §254(e) mandate that only telecommunications providers designated by this Commission as eligible telecommunications carriers ("ETCs") pursuant to the requirements of 47 U.S.C. §214(e) will be eligible to receive high-cost, low-income, and health-care support from the Federal Universal Service Fund effective January 1, 1998. According to §214(e), carriers designated as ETCs shall be eligible to receive Universal Service support in accordance with §254 only if such carriers (1) are common carriers offering the services supported by the Federal Universal Service support mechanisms under §254(c) throughout the service area for which ETC designation is received; (2) offer such services using their own facilities or a combination of their own facilities and resale of another carrier's services (including the services offered by another eligible telecommunications carrier); and (3) advertise the availability of such services and the charges therefore using media of general distribution.

State commissions are given the latitude under 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2) to designate ETCs either upon their own motion or upon request. Section 214(e)(2) further provides for the designation of more than one ETC per each service area served by non-rural carriers. The designation of more than one ETC in areas served by rural telephone companies is dependent upon a finding that such designation of an additional ETC for that rural service area is in the public interest. Due to the fact that any carrier which meets the criteria of §214(e)(1) is eligible to receive Universal Service support regardless of the technology that the carrier utilizes to provide service, state commissions may not exclude a class of carriers from ETC designation.

II. Introduction

Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc. D/B/A Camellia Communications ("Camellia Communications"), hereby petitions this Honorable Commission to grant it Eligible

Telecommunications Status in portions of Lowndes County not currently certified to Hayneville Telephone Company, Inc., and all of Butler County for the purpose of receiving Federal Universal Service Support. Camellia Communications was authorized February 12, 2002 in Alabama Public Service Commission Docket 25939 to offer Facilities – Based and Resold Local Exchange Services in all areas of the State of Alabama. The Company further certifies to the Commission that it is in compliance with the Commission's requirements for ETC status and has attached a check-off sheet required to determine compliance.

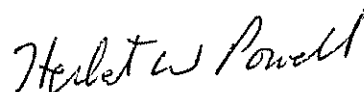
III Designated Area

Investigations made by the Company indicate the requested area to be served is not currently being served by a Rural Carrier and that it is in the public interest to have Camellia Communications designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. Before the Company began serving customers in the requested areas, DSL service was not available. The Company's entrance into this market has caused existing ILECs, BellSouth and CentryTel, to begin offering this service. DSL in the CenturyTel area is still limited to 18,000 feet from their Central Office, whereas DSL is available to all customers Camellia Communications serves.

The Company requests this Commission designate Camellia Communications as an (ETC) so that it can continue to serve all customers within its reach with state-of-the-art Telecommunications service and DSL. Without this much-needed support, the Company would be unable to continue to expand its service area.

Respectfully,

Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc.
D/B/A Camellia Communications



Herbert W. Powell
Secretary-Treasurer

BEFORE THE
ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR UNIVERSAL SERVICE ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER STATUS IN ALABAMA

1. State the name and mailing address of the carrier seeking Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Status in Alabama:

Hayneville Fiber Transport, Inc.

D/B/A/ Camellia Communications

P.O. Box 129

Greenville, Alabama 36037

2. State the full name, title, address (if different than above), telephone number and facsimile number of a contact person with the requesting carrier:

Evelyn P. Causey

Chief Financial Officer

334-371-3000

334-371-3001

eevelync@camelliacom.com

3. X Check here to certify that the requesting carrier offers all of the following services throughout the service area requested herein:

- a. **Single Party Service** (or its functional equivalent) which is defined as a telecommunications service that permits users to have exclusive use of a wireline subscriber loop or access line for each call placed, or in the case of wireless telecommunications carriers which use spectrum shared among users to provide service, a dedicated message path for the length of a user's particular transmission.

- b. **Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network** which is defined as a functionality that enables a user of telecommunications services to transmit voice communications including signaling the network that the caller wishes to place a call and to receive voice communications including receiving a signal indicating there is an incoming call. For purposes of Universal Service, voice grade access shall occur in the frequency range between approximately 500 hertz and 4,000 hertz for a bandwidth of approximately 3,500 hertz.
- c. **Local Usage** which is defined to mean an amount of minutes of use of exchange service provided free of charge to end users as prescribed by the FCC.
- d. **Dual tone, multi-frequency signaling (or its functional equivalent)** which is defined as a method of signaling that facilitates network efficiencies such as shorter call setup times.
- e. **Access to Emergency Services** which is defined to include access to services such as 911 and Enhanced 911 (E-911) provided by local governments or other public safety organizations. 911 is specifically defined as a service that permits a telecommunications user, by dialing the three digit code 911, to call emergency services through a public safety answering point (PSAP) operated by local government. E-911 is defined as 911 service that includes the ability to provide automatic numbering identification (ANI) which enables the PSAP to call back if the call is disconnected and automatic location information (ALI) which permits emergency service providers to identify the geographic location of the calling party. Access to emergency services includes access to 911 and E-911 to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier's service area has implemented 911 or E-911 systems.
- f. **Access to Operator Services** which is defined as access to any automatic or live assistance to a consumer to arrange for billing or completion, or both, of a telephone call.
- g. **Access to Interexchange Service** which is defined as the use of the loop as well as that portion of the switch that is paid for by the end user or the functional equivalent of these network elements in the case of a wireless carrier, necessary to access an interexchange carriers network.

- h. Access to directory assistance which is defined as access to a service that includes, but is not limited to, making available to customers upon request information contained in directory listings.
 - i. Toll limitation services for qualifying low income customers which is defined to include toll blocking and toll limitation. Toll blocking allows customers to have all toll calls blocked while toll control services allow customers to limit in advance the toll usage they incur per billing cycle.
- 4. _____ Check here if the requesting carrier seeks additional time to complete network upgrades needed to offer single party service, access to E-911 service, and/or toll limitation services as defined above. If additional time is requested to complete network upgrades to offer any such services, attach hereto a petition for the additional time necessary to complete those network upgrades and specify therein the services which cannot be offered until such network upgrades are completed. The petition for additional time should be specific as to the additional time requested, the network upgrades undertaken, and should include an explanation of the exceptional circumstances which prevent the petitioning carrier from providing single party service, access to E-911 or toll limitation as applicable.
- 5. X Check here to certify that the requesting carrier provides the services supported by the Universal Service fund through its own facilities or through a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services.
- 6. X Check here to certify that the requesting carrier will advertise the availability of the services it has designated for Universal Service support and the charges therefor using media of general distribution.
- 7. Designate with specificity the service area for which the requesting carrier seeks eligible telecommunications carrier status. [NOTE: Absent a demonstration of compelling circumstances to the contrary, the Commission envisions certifying the rural incumbent local exchange carriers as the sole eligible telecommunications carriers for their existing certificated service areas. Similarly, the Commission envisions certifying the non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers as eligible telecommunications carriers for their existing certificated service areas. Although the vast majority of the alternative local exchange carriers (ALECs) certified by this Commission are authorized to provide service statewide (subject to the requirements of the Commission's September 20, 1995 Order in Joint Dockets 24499, 24472, 24030 and 24865 as well as the Commission's October 8, 1996 Order in Docket 24472), those ALECs who are actually providing service may seek to serve much smaller areas. We believe it will be appropriate to determine

the service areas for such ALECs for purposes of federal Universal Service support based on their response herein.]

The Company plans to serve the incorporated areas of Greenville,
Fort Deposit, Georgiana and McKenzie. The Company intends to
serve all of Butler County and portions of Lowndes County as
their buildout continues.

8. Attestation

I, Herbert W. Powell certify that I am the company
(Type or print name of official)
officer/employee responsible for this request and that I have examined/formulated
the foregoing request. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, all
statements of fact contained in said request are correct statements of the business
and affairs of the requesting carrier with respect to each and every matter set
forth.

Dated April 14, 2004

Telephone Number 334-371-3000

Signature Herbert W. Powell

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and for ^{the} said
~~State and County~~ ^{of ALABAMA, AT-LARGE} above-named, this 15th day of April, 19 2004.

(Notary Public) Novelton Wendell Canley, Jr.

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: 7/31/2007